

The Pesticide Disposal Dilemma

by Leon Snethen

"What do I do with unwanted, out-dated pesticides?" A common question in our industry.

I was advised to spray them in a "non-target" area. Wrong! Could I do this without a recommendation? No!! Should I do it and just not report it? Absolutely not!!!

The solution came in March of this year with a joint program between the Farm Bureau and the Santa Clara County Dept. of Agriculture. They set up a disposal program for farms and golf courses to turn in unwanted pesticides. There were some items the department would not take, but they supplied a

list ahead of time. There wound up being a cost of \$4.25 per pound. This may sound high, but if you look at the options in hazardous waste disposal, it was a bargain.

The problem came when they had items they could not dispose of. This problem prompted them to discontinue

the service.

I would recommend to all superintendents that they contact their local agencies and encourage them to continue the program or to start a program in your county. It is the only effective way to aid all of us in legally disposing of the chemicals we don't want or need.

NATIONAL NOTES

GCSAA Tournament - '95 Correction

Last month we reported that Laguna Seca had been confirmed as one of the sites for the 1995 GCSAA International Tournament. That information is not correct as, in fact, no sites have been confirmed. At this time, we have not yet heard from national regarding the site selection. Our apologies to Bob Costa and his staff for the mis-information and any inconvenience it may have caused.

Do You Have A Story?

GCSAA continues striving to improve and expand the coverage and content of its flagship publication, Golf Course Management magazine. There are countless superintendents out there with stories to tell that would be of great interest to their colleagues -- profiles and personal features both on and off the golf course, innovative ideas, professional successes and/or struggles against unique or unusual circumstances, etc. Are you one of them?

There are two ways these stories can be developed. Either with superintendent written articles or those developed and written by the GCM staff. If you have a story that you think would be of interest, contact the local chapter office or Terry Ostmeier at Golf Course Management.

We Want to Answer Your Questions

GCSAA is soliciting member superintendent questions to be addressed in a special column in *Newsline* called Members Mailbag. Our members have important questions, concerns and opinions on their mind, especially during these times of serious decision-making about the future we envision for our association, our profession, and our industry. If you would like to have an issue addressed on a nationwide -- indeed, international -- forum, please write to your local chapter office or direct them to Members Mailbag, *Newsline*, GCSAA, 1421 Research Park Dr., Lawrence, KS 66049.

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